NUMB. CCCCXXIX.

The SPECTATOR.

----- Populumque falſis dedocet uti
Vocibus----

Saturday, July 12. 1712.

MR. SPECTATOR,

'SINCE I gave an Account of an agreeable Set of Company which were gone down into the Country, I have received Advices from thence, that the Inſtitution of an Infirmary for thoſe who ſhould be out of Humour, has had very good Effects. My Letters mention particular Circumſtances of two or three Perſons, who had the good Senſe to retire of their own Accord, and notified that they were withdrawn, with the Reaſons of it, to the Company, in their reſpective Memorials.

The Memorial of Mrs. Mary Dainty, *Spinſter*,
Humbly ſheweth,

'THat conſcious of her own Want of Merit; accompanied with a Vanity of being admired, ſhe had gone into Exile of her own accord.

'She is ſenſible, that a vain Perſon is the moſt inſufferable Creature living in a well-bred Aſſembly.

'That ſhe deſired, before ſhe appeared in publick again, ſhe might have Aſſurances, that, tho' ſhe might be thought handſome, there might not more Addreſs or Compliment be paid to her, than to the reſt of the Company.

'That ſhe conceived it a Kind of Superiority, that one Perſon ſhould take upon him to commend another.

'Laſtly, That ſhe went into the Infirmary, to avoid a particular Perſon who took upon him to profeſs an Admiration of her.

'She therefore pray'd, that to applaud out of the place, might be declared an Offence, and puniſhed in the ſame Manner with Detraction, in that the latter did but report Perſons defective, and the former made them ſo.

All which is ſubmitted, *&c.*

There appeared a Delicacy and Sincerity in this Memorial very uncommon, but my Friend informs me, that the Allegations of it were groundleſs, ſo much that this Declaration of an Averſion to being praiſed, was underſtood to be no other than a ſecret Trap to purchaſe it, for which Reaſon it lies ſtill on the Table unanſwered.

The humble Memorial of the Lady Lydia Loller,
Sheweth.

'THat the Lady *Lydia* is a Woman of Quality; married to a private Gentleman.

'That ſhe finds her ſelf neither well nor ill.

'That her Husband is a Clown.

'That Lady *Lydia* cannot ſee Company.

'That ſhe deſires the Infirmary may be her Apartment druing her ſtay in the Country.

'That they would pleaſe to make merry with their Equals.

'That Mr. *Loller* might ſtay with them if he thought fit.

It was immediately reſolved, that Lady *Lydia* was ſtill at *London*.

The Humble Memorial of Thomas Sudden, *Eſq; of the* Inner-Temple,
Sheweth,

'THAT Mr. *Sudden* is conſcious that he is too much given to Argumentation.

'That he talks loud.

'That he is apt to think all Things Matter of Debate.

'That he ſtay'd behind in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, when the late Shake of the Roof happen'd, only becauſe a Council of the other Side aſſerted it was coming down.

'That he cannot for his Life conſent to any thing.

'That he ſtays in the Infirmary to forget himſelf.

'That as ſoon as he has forgot himſelf, he will wait on the Company.

His Indiſpoſition was allowed to be ſufficient to require a Ceſſation from Company.

The Memorial of Frank Jolly
Sheweth,

'THAT he hath put himſelf into the Infirmary, in regard he is ſenſible of a certain ruſtick Mirth, which renders him unfit for polite Converſation.

'That he intends to prepare himſelf by Abſtinence

ſtinence and thin Diet to be one of the Company.

That at preſent he comes into a Room as if he were an Expreſs from Abroad.

That he has choſen an Apartment with a matted Anti-Chamber, to practiſe Motion without being heard.

That he bows, talks, drinks, eats, and helps himſelf before a Glaſs, to learn to act with Moderation.

That by reaſon of his luxuriant Health, he is oppreſſive to Perſons of compos'd Behaviour.

That he is endeavouring to forget the Word *Pſhaw, Pſhaw.*

That he is alſo weaning himſelf from his Cane.

That when he has learnt to live without his ſaid Cane, he will wait on the Company, &c.

The Memorial of John Rhubarb, *Eſq;*

Sheweth,

THAT your Petitioner has retired to the Infirmary, but that he is in perfect good Health, except that he has by long Uſe, and for want of Diſcourſe, contracted an Habit of Complaint that he is ſick.

That he wants for nothing under the Sun, but what to ſay; and therefore has fallen into this unhappy Malady of complaining that he is ſick.

That this Cuſtom of his makes him, by his own Confeſſion, fit only for the Infirmary, and therefore he has not waited for being ſentenced to it.

That he is conſcious there is nothing more improper than ſuch a Complaint in good Company, in that they muſt pity, whether they think the Lamenter ill or not; and that the Complainant muſt make a ſilly Figure, whether he is pity'd or not.

Your Petitioner humbly prays, that he may have Time to know how he does, and he will make his Appearance.

The *Valetudinarian* was likewiſe eaſily excuſed; and this Society being reſolv'd not only to make it their Buſineſs to paſs their Time agreeably for the preſent Seaſon, but alſo to commence ſuch Habits in themſelves as may be of Uſe in their future Conduct in general, are very ready to give into a fancied or real Incapacity to join with their Meaſures, in order to have no Humouriſt, proud Man, impertient or ſufficient Fellow, break in upon their Happineſs. Great Evils ſeldom happen to diſturb Company, but Indulgence in Particularities of Humour, is the Seed of making half our Time hang in Suſpence, or waſte away under real Diſcompoſures.

Among other Things it is carefully provided, that there may not be diſagreeable Familiarities. No one is to appear in the publick Rooms undreſs'd, or enter abruptly into each other's Apartment without Intimation. Every one has hitherto been ſo careful in his Behaviour, that there has but one Offender in ten Day's Time been ſent into the Infirmary, and that was for throwing away his Cards at Whiſt.

He has offer'd his Submiſſion in the following Terms.

The Humble Petition of Jeoffry Hotſpur, *Eſq;*

Sheweth,

THough the Petitioner ſwore, ſtamp'd, and threw down his Cards, he has all imaginable Reſpect for the Ladies, and the whole Company.

That he humbly deſires it may be conſider'd in the Caſe of Gaming, there are many Motives which provoke to Diſorder.

That the Deſire of Gain, and the Deſire of Victory, are both thwarted in Loſing.

That all Converſations in the World have indulged Humane Infirmity in this Caſe.

Your Petitioner therefore moſt humbly prays, that he may be reſtored to the Company, and he hopes to bear ill Fortune with a good Grace for the future, and to demean himſelf ſo as to be no more chearful when he wins, than grave when he loſes.

By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane, on Tueſday next, being the 15th of July, will be reviv'd a Comedy call'd, The City Politicks, written by Mr. Crown. The Part of the Podeſta to be perform'd by Mr. Bullock, Florio by Mr. Powel, Artall by Mr. Booth, Dr. Panchy by Mr. Croſs, Craſy by Mr. Pack, Bricklayer by Mr. Penkethman, Roſara by Mrs. Braſhaw, Lucinda by Miſs Willis. By Her Majeſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

A Barbadoes Merchant's Wife, whoſe Husband reſides in thoſe Parts, having a Parcel of the true, neat Barbadoes Cordial or Citron-Water to diſpoſe of; Theſe are to give Notice, That any Merchant, Gentleman, or Captain, may have what Quantity they pleaſe, at Mr. Jacob Ecle's, at the Hour-Glaſs in Tower-ſtreet, at Twenty Shillings per Gallon, or Six Shillings the ſingle Quart, at which Place freſh Parcels will be laid in from time to time.

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An Infallible Cure for the Stone and Gravel, whether in the Reins or Bladder, by an incomparable Chymical Liquor, which in the moſt Racking Fits, gives inſtant eaſe, and Perfectly frees the Patient from all Pains in the Back, and thoſe Pains ſo much like the Cholick; dilates the Ureters, makes them ſlippery that ſmall Stones and Gravel may paſs from the Reins to be voided viſibly with Urine, without pain; cleanſes the Kidneys, Bladder, and all the Urinary Paſſages from ſlimy calculous Matter, certainly takes off all Heat, Pain, and ſtoppage of Urine, and abſolutely breaks and diſſolves all large Stones (poſſible to be diſſolv'd) whether in Kidneys or Bladder, ſo as entirely to Cure the Diſtemper; aſſuredly prevents the Stone in thoſe that are troubled only with Gravel, and for all Diſorders of the Reins and Bladder, is a ſtupendious Remedy, cauſing delightful Eaſe, pleaſant Reſt and perfect Health. Is ſold only at Jacobs Coffee-houſe againſt the Angel and Crown Tavern in Threadneedle-ſtreet behind the Royal Exchange, at 3s. 6d. a Bottle with Directions.

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